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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 1, line 2, please insert the following:

PRIORITY CLAIM

This is a U.S. National Stage § 371 of PCT/GB00/02216, filed June 19, 2000, which was published in English under PCT Article 21(2), which claims the benefit of U.K. Application GB9914187.1, filed June 18, 1999, and U.K. Application GB9930252.3, filed December 22, 1999.

In the Claims:

Please cancel pending claims 14 and 15 without prejudice. Please amend pending claims 2-13 and 16-23 as follows:

1. (Reiterated) A polymer drug conjugate comprising:
at least one anti-cancer agent; and